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LISBON PASS FSO HOWARD T. ROBINSON

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF HOWARD T. ROBINSON, SENIOR SEMINAR IN
FOREIGN POLICY

REF: (A) STATE 57977 (NOTAL); (B) STATE A-1378 (NOTAL)

1. WE WELCOME ROBINSON VISIT AND WILL BRIEF HIM TO EXTENT OF
OUR KNOWLEDGE. WE WILL ALSO ATTEMPT ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS WITH
PERSONS BOTH WITHIN MOZAMBIQUE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT AND
PRIVATE SECTOR WHO MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE HIM INSIGHTS INTO
MOZAMBIQUE'S INTERDEPENDENCE WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA.
FACT THAT ROBINSON IS ARRIVING DURING EASTER HOLIDAY PERIOD,
HOWEVER, MAY MAKE THIS TASK MORE DIFFICULT. FURTHERMORE, WE
HOPE HE UNDERSTAND THAT, DUE TO RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY FRELIMO,
IT PROBABLY WILL NOT BE FEASIBLE TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS FOR
HIM WITH FRELIMO OFFICIALS OF CENTRAL OR REGIONAL GOVERNMENT.
IF FRELIMO IN DAR GIVES THE WORD TO MTG THIS COULD CHANGE.

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WM WE NOTE ROBINSON'S PLAN TO FOCUS ON PORT FACILITIES AND

GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS IN LOURENCO MARQUES, NACALA AND BEIRA. WHILE LOURENCO MARQUES PRESENTS NO PROBLEM, WE BELIEVE IT UNDESIRABLE FOR ROBINSON TO PURSUE INQUIRIES IN BEIRA AND NACALA. FRELIMO IS HIGHLY SUSPICIOUS AND IS LIKELY VIEW USG OFFICIAL DOING RESEARCH UP NORTH AS CIA AGENT. SEVERAL FOREIGN JOURNALISTS, INCLUDING TWO FROM U.S., HAVE ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTIES RECENTLY IN BEIRA.

3. FOR LISBON: RE SOUTH AFRICAN VISA, IN VIEW EXTREME LOG JAM IN SAG'S LOURENCO MARQUES CONSULATE (WITH HUNDREDS OF PORTUGUESE WAITING FOR VISITORS VISAS FOR MEDICAL CARE AND OTHER URGENT BUSINESS), RECOMMEND ROBINSON ATTEMPT GET SOUTH AFRICAN VISA IN LISBON. IF THIS PROVES IMPOSSIBLE, PLEASE ADVISE BY CABLE AND WE WILL INTERVENE PERSONALLY WITH SOUTH AFRICAN CONSULATE GENERAL.
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